

### III. EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA (CONTINUED)

<b>Program Budget</b> The extent to which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The program budget information provided is consistent with the scope of work and itemizes reasonable costs for personnel, subcontractors, equipment, operating expenses, fees, etc., for each task;</li><li>• Budgets indicate the total budget, the PIER reimbursable budget, and the matching funds budget, indicating all sources of funding, for each task described in the scope of work;</li><li>• Budgets are itemized in sufficient detail to justify the expenditures by task. The budgets include the required information for personal services, subcontractors, operating expenses, fees, and total expenditures; and</li><li>• The budget shows that key personnel and subcontractors will be committed to the project for the appropriate number of hours and functions to accomplish the activities described in the work statement.</li><li>• Indicates the total budget, the PIER reimbursable budget, and the matching funds budget, indicating all sources of funding, for each task described in the scope of work</li></ul>	<b>15/150</b>
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS</b>	<b>100/1000</b>

#### 8. Non-Technical Preference Points

A Bidder may qualify for up to five categories of non-technical preference points for Stage 2 only. Each qualifying Bidder with a technical evaluation score of 750 points or greater will receive the applicable preference points. The sum of the Bidder's technical evaluation score and preference points will constitute the Bidder's total score. Proposals will be ranked based upon the Bidder's total score. Forms submitted for preference points must be included in Volume 1.

##### Small Business

Bidders who qualify as a State of California certified small business or who self-certify under the Federal Government statutes as a small business will receive five percent (5%) preference points based on the highest responsible bidder's total score~~cost points received by the highest scored proposal~~, if the highest scored proposal is submitted by a business other than a certified small business. Instructions for becoming certified by the State of California as a small or disabled veteran owned business is contained in RFP Attachment 4.1.

##### Non-Small Business

Government Code Section 14838(b)(~~4~~)(2) now also provides for a non-small business preference. The preference to a non-small business bidder that commits to small business or micro-business subcontractor participation of twenty-five percent (25%) of its net bid price shall be up to a maximum of five percent (5%) of the highest responsive, responsible bidder's total score (RFP secondary). A non-small business, which qualifies for this preference, may not take an award away from a certified small business. The small business regulations are located at 2 CCR 1896 et seq.

##### Target Area Contract Preference Request

The Target Area Contract Preference Act (Government Code Section 4530 *et seq.*) provides five percent (5%) preference points to California-based companies that perform state contract work in a distressed area. Bidders should complete RFP Attachment 4.2 if they qualify for this preference. If you have further questions or need additional information on this matter, please contact TACPA/LAMBRA Preference Program Group at (916) 375-4609.